

SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES

June 15, 2011 7:00 PM

Mr. Connolly - The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission was called to order on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:05 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.

Roll Call - Mrs. Paul - In attendance was: Mr. Nordstrom, Mr. Connolly, and Mr. McGee. Mr. Carpenter, Superintendent and Mr. Wilcox were both present. Mr. DeCelles and Mrs. Sheridan were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McGee wasn't present at the April 28, 2011 meeting, he is unable to approve those April 28 minutes and due to not having a quorum at the current meeting the April 28 minutes were not approved. Those minutes will be placed on the July 20 agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to approve the May 11, 2011 minutes.

Mr. Joseph DeMayo of 62 Alpine Way of Silver Pines requested to have the minutes approved and asked why aren't the April minutes being approved because he needs them for his files and to present that information to the town council.

Mr. Connolly explained to Mr. DeMayo that since Mr. McGee was not present at the April 28 meeting, he is not able to approve those minutes. Only those commission members that are present at each meeting is able to approve the minutes.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT- Mr. Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter informed the commission that there is no written report but he will present two month's report next month. He stated that the O & M line cleaning from last month's report that the finance department has agreed to take this year's money and put it into next year's so they don't lose it.

REPORT FROM SEWER/WATER COORDINATOR - Mr. Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox stated that the warranty replacement for the traditional warranty is being submitted for the cost and the additional three year duration. All connections have been brought up to date and the tie-in program is done and billing is on schedule and is ready for the finance department and waiting to receive approval from the town council for the access fee and once approved he will receive that report.

Mr. Nordstrom asked why did some of the pump warranties having a two year warranty and some had a three year warranty.

Mr. Wilcox indicated that the manufacture warranty is a 2 year

warranty on outdoor pumps and a 5 years warranty on indoor pumps. And the information from F.R. Mahoney is just for outdoor units.

Mr. Nordstrom asked Mr. Wilcox that when they talked about the extended warranty, they talked about incorporating that into the total project costs in Phases 1A and 1B. He is just confirming that is the intention of doing that. He stated that the only people who are benefiting from that are those residents who are in Phases 1A and 1B and not the other people in other sewer districts, so that is part of the project costs for the assessors for Phases 1A and 1B. He stated it is the total project costs divided by the number of users. It is part of the total project costs.

Mr. Wilcox stated that it is part of the total assessment for residents of Phases 1A and 1B.

Mr. Nordstrom stated that there will be a joint meeting scheduled with the administration and the town council on August 1, 2011 and that would be the time to present this to them then. He also suggests to having everything in line items addressed to the town council so they know what the sewer commission is recommending to them.

Mr. DeMayo asked for clarification of Phases 1A and 1B.

Mr. Nordstrom explained to him that it was for the 2009 sewer project.

REVISED NORTH SMITHFIELD EXTENDED WARRANTY QUOTATION

Mr. Carpenter advised the commission that it was going to be for \$63,000.00 and not the \$62,625.00.

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Mr. Nordstrom asked what quarter it was for.

Mr. Carpenter stated that it was the for the third quarter.

Mr. Nordstrom asked if Mr. Silvia was aware to set it aside for this year in next year's funds.

Mr. Carpenter stated that yes it will be placed in a contingency fund in next year's line item and was reassured that Mr. Silvia will do that.

Mr. Nordstrom asked that Mr. Silvia is aware of how to handle and pay it out of this fiscal year's funds.

Mr. Carpenter's response was yes he will handle it as such.

GATOR'S PUB SEWER HOOKUP

Mr. McGee informed the commission that Gator's Pub is having problems with their septic system and they are at the point that it will either need to be replaced or need sewers at this place in time and

that it is going to be a huge hardship for them. He wanted to know that before they design a system, he asked if there was anything that could be done for them before doing that and what it would cost to get sewers there.

Mr. Connolly suggested to petition the town to extend the line down there to them or have some engineering work of their own done and make a presentation of what they would want to do and present it to the council. He stated that if he made a proposal that they would comment on the technical merits but the decision to allow the project would be left up to the town council. He explained that he would need an engineering assessment of what route to take and where to go.

Mr. Nordstrom explained that the facility plan lays out the sewerage plans which is part of a sewer district but the town council essentially stopped the sewer project and he would have to start with the town council and they may turn around and bounce him back to the sewer commission.

Mr. Connolly stated that the sewer commission can advise but the town council has the power and it would be the council who would decide to move forward with the project or not. He suggested that he may want to talk with the town administrator or the town council president.

Mr. DeMayo suggested that Gator's Pub be tied into the Silver Pines pump station and have the sewer commission recommend this to the town council.

JAMES J. GEREMIA & ASSOCIATES INC. – E-One Grinder Pump – Payment Request. #20 Boyle & Fogarty Construction Co.

MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to recommend and approve to the Town Council payment request #20, recommended by James Geremia and Associates, Inc. for Phase 1B for payment to Boyle & Fogarty Construction Company for \$45,072.83 for increase of additional E-One grinder pumps and accessories at the conclusion of the project.

GRINDER PUMPS PHASE 1 B – Change Order #2-James J. Geremia Inc.

MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to recommend and to approve to the Town Council change order #2 to Boyle & Fogarty for Phase 1B Sewer Improvement Project for E-One grinder pumps for \$19,020.78.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

a) RI Dept. of Environmental Mgmt. – Donna & David Morin & Christine L. Carey – Notice of Violation

Mr. Connolly explained to the commission that these two properties have received notification from the Department of Environmental

Management informing the town of the violations. The commission had discussed at some time that there are several properties that maybe in violation in hopes that the sewer project would cure them. But since the sewer project had been stopped by the town council, the issues are coming before the town again and had received notice of violation which is a State

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matter and the commission has nothing to do with and they were just cc to them for information only and informed the commission that it maybe possible that they may see more of these coming in.

Mr. Wilcox has been approached by Ms. Carey for further investigation and she has been given some reference engineers for her project and has been in contact with him every week on her progress on this. He stated that they are very aware of those addresses. She was also given grants information needed for her to pursue to those measures so the town is helping her.

Mr. Connolly asked if this has been communicated to DEM?

Mr. Wilcox replied that yes it has been.

Mr. Nordstrom wanted to make note that this was part of the Phase II sewer project and that the town council had stopped the 2009 sewer

project.

MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom, seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on an aye 3-0 vote to accept and place all correspondence on file.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OPEN FORUM PURSUANT TO RIGL SECTION 42-46-6 (d)

Mr. Bob Thurber of 20 Brian Avenue, asked about the three year extension on the pump warranty.

Mr. Connolly stated it was for \$63,000.00.

Mr. Thurber asked if there was any costs associated with the ten year warranty.

Mr. Nordstrom stated that it will be addressed in three years and right now the warranty gets you through the first five years. After the fifth year they will decide how to cover the other five years for the maintenance. The manufacturer will only extend the warranty for three additional years after that the only people who can warranty the

pumps is the town. In three years when they look at the budget they will see how they are going to handle the next five years. There is no need to address the next five years because they are covered for three years.

Mr. Wilcox stated that the E-One company is dedicated to FR Mahoney. The pump district is with FR Mahoney who is under contract with E-One and they are the distributors. He stated that if the resident wants someone else to work on their pump at a higher expense they may do that but the town will not pick that up.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Nordstrom and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Paul

Commission Secretary